# **Meeting Minutes**

# Council-Citizens Committee Marina Park Design

Location: Council Chambers 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 26, 2008

**Welcome and Introduction** Chairman Selich convened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. The following persons were in attendance:

# Committee Members

- Mayor Ed Selich (Chair)
- Council Member Don Webb
- Council Member Michael Henn
- Tom Billings (Protect Our Parks)
- John Corrough (Harbor Commissioner)
- Bill Garrett (Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commissioner)
- Dave Lambert (American Legion Post 291)
- Grace Dove (Neighborhood Rep.)

## **Committee Members Absent**

- Tom Olivas (Rep. for Girl Scout Council of Orange County)
- Billy Whitford (Rep. for sailing or rowing organization)

#### City Staff

- Dave Kiff, Assistant City Manager
- Dave Webb, Deputy Public Works Director
- Mark Reader, Public Works
- Wes Morgan, Recreation and Senior Services Director
- Sean Levin, Recreation Superintendent
- Kim Rieff, Department Assistant

#### Consultants

- Dan Herman, Rabben/Herman Design
- Tim Bundy, Bundy Finckel Architects

#### Members of the public

- Seymour Beek
- Chandler Bell
- Bill Ficker
- Carter Ford
- Joyce Ibbetson
- Craig Morissette
- Jon O'Hora
- John Reynolds
- Tom Rossie

# 2. Approve Minutes of Past Meetings (All)

Approved

# 3. Public Comment - Non Agenda Items

No comments were offered.

### 4. Discussion Items:

# A. Follow-up on Council's direction at March 11, 2008 Council Meeting

Mr. Kiff said the Council said the height of the Community Center and the Sailing Center should stay at the 35 foot Shoreline Height Limitation Zone; however, the architectural elements could go above that height limit. The Council directed staff and the architects to move forward on that basis.

Chairman Selich asked when we might see the revised architectural concepts. Mr. Herman replied in about 2-3 weeks.

## B. Additional design work since March 11, 2008:

Mr. Kiff said there is no additional design work. At the March 25<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting the Council approved the scope of work and contract for Rabben/Herman Design and the sub consultants.

# C. Upcoming Scope of Work for Rabben/Herman Design and sub-consultants

Mr. Badum said we have authorized a contract with Rabben/Herman Design to move forward with the schematic design and we are starting the primary design process.

Council Member Henn asked if what was authorized at the Council Meeting last night was sufficient to get through the EIR process and to the point of construction documents and bidding for the construction project. Mr. Badum replied that it will not get us to construction plans but environmentally we'll have a document we can move forward with.

Mr. Kiff said the scope of the committee's work has been accomplished and needs to change into another mode. The committee might want to start meeting quarterly or when there is a design element to check. Now that the concept plan is set the committee's role will not be to talk about moving elements. It will become more of checking on the environmental document, other concerns about the plant palette, and the landscape plan.

Chairman Selich said we need to review the elevations, talk about the detailed landscaping plan and the draft EIR.

Council Member Henn said because the parking and circulation issue is important for so many people he hopes the committee would have input into the process and the residents would have an opportunity to give their thoughts.

Chairman Selich asked Mr. Kiff if there would be an appropriate time to look at the draft EIR before it's done. Mr. Kiff replied that there might be two opportunities to look at it; once during the preparation of it and again to evaluate the comments.

Chairman Selich asked Mr. Herman when would be the appropriate time for the committee to look at the parking and circulation. Mr. Herman replied he would be able to advise the committee in about a week.

Council Member Henn suggested there be an agenda item to consider the scheduling for this committee at the next committee meeting.

Ms. Ung said she is the staff Planner responsible for the EIR document. We will be meeting with the consultant responsible for the EIR document including the subconsultant on April 4<sup>th</sup>. We will talk about the timing and the major milestones we need to accomplish in order to get the document out in time. Typically when we have a major project that requires an EIR document the first thing we consider is having a scoping meeting. She asked if the scoping meeting should be part of this meeting or a separate meeting. Chairman Selich replied to Ms. Ung to schedule a traditional separate scoping meeting.

A resident asked about the height limitations and activities at the Girl Scout House. Mr. Kiff replied that the Girl Scouts have a lease with the City so they are required to comply with the height limitations of the City.

Chairman Selich asked Mr. Herman for an update on the schedule. Mr. Herman said according to the schedule from the last meeting we should be fairly good from our view point. Ms. Ung added that there will be a meeting with the consultants next Friday and we'll find out if there are any changes. In response to Chairman Selich, Ms. Ung said we anticipate the EIR should be done in 9-12 months.

Mr. Ficker said he couldn't find a good program for the Sailing Center and how it was going to be used, he doesn't know why there is a large room 50 X 90 and how it is going to be used, and he's concerned that this large volume building seems out of scale for a community park.

# 5. Adjourn & Set Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for May 7th at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.